SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: No, no. Who said it? Our skilled workers are in the USA, Canada, Malaysia, U.K., etc. There is a strike. You must have that information.

SHRI SAHIB SINGH VERMA: Our Ministry does not cover those workers.

Settlement of outstanding issues with China

*65. SHRI LALIT SURI:†
SHRIMATI SAVITA SHARDA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any settlement between India and China on the outstanding issues between the two countries could be arrived at during the Prime Minister's recent visit to China;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of the issues on which no agreeable solution could be achieved?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI YASHWANT SINHA): (a) to (c) During Prime Minister's visit to China in June 2003, a Declaration on Principles for Relations and Comprehensive Cooperation between India and China was signed which sets out the shared perspectives on the future development of bilateral relationship. Both sides are agreed to qualitatively enhancing the bilateral relationship at all levels and in all areas while addressing differences, including on the boundary question, through peaceful means in a fair, reasonable and mutually acceptable manner.

SHRI LALIT SURI: Mr. Chairman, Sir, the hon. Minister has just said that certain understandings and declarations have been signed. In the light of the importance of resolving various issues, I would like to know from the hon. Minister whether any Joint Working Group of the two countries has been formed to oversee and ensure the implementation of the decisions arrived at. If 'so', at what level and at what interval the Joint Working Group is scheduled to meet?

SHRI YASHWANT SINHA: Sir, we have various Joint Working Groups already funtioning between China and India. We have not set

†The question was actually asked on the floor of the House by Shri Lalit Suri.

up a separate working group because it is the responsibility of the Ministry of External Affairs to follow up all the decisions taken during the visit of the hon. Prime Minister to China and we have already started doing it.

But, Sir, before I finish my reply, I would like to make a slight correction to what I said in my reply to the previous question. Actually, it is not Shri Arun Jaitley who is going to Montreal, but it is Shri Arun Shourie who is going to Montreal.

श्रीमती सविता शारदा: धन्यवाद,सभापति महोदय। मंत्री महोदय ने अपने उत्तर में बताया है कि जून, 2003 में प्रधान मंत्री जी की हाल की चीन यात्रा से भारत और चीन के भावी द्विपक्षीय संबंधों पर साझा विचार विकसित होंगे। इसके लिए मैं प्रधान मंत्री जी को बहुत-बहुत धन्यवाद देना चाहती हूं।

श्री सभापति: अब धन्यवाद देने के बाद प्रश्न किस बात का रह गया?

श्रीमती सविता शारदा: महोदय, मेरा प्रश्न है कि इस यात्रा के दौरान चीन के साथ हुए व्यापार समझौते में चीन ने नाथूला के रास्ते से व्यापार करने की सहमति दी है, लेकिन चीन ने सिक्किम को भारत का अभिन्न अंग नहीं माना है और 29 अप्रैल, 1975 को की गई घोषणा में चीन ने सिक्किम के भारत में विलीनीकरण को अवैध घोषित किया था। वह उसे ही मान रहा है, क्या यह सच है और मेरे प्रश्न का "ब" भाग है कि चीन ने 8 सितम्बर को...

श्री सभापति: आज प्रधान मंत्री जी का वक्तव्य हो रहा है, उसे देख लीजिए।

Unemployed persons

*66. SHRI MATILAL SARKAR: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) the number of unemployed persons registered in the regional exployment exchanges in all States of the country up to the 30th June, 2003;

(b) the number of persons that lost jobs from 1st January, 1998 to December, 2003 on account of privatization of Public Sector Enterprises; and

(c) Government's policy to overcome the explosive and growing unemployment problems?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI SAHIB SINGH VERMA): (a) to (c) A Statement is laid on the table of the House.